TO DISREGARD LIMIT

Will Retain Ball Players to Keep Them Away From Federals.

It is being whispered in American league circles, and has been announced by at least one National league manager, that the "big shows" will not regard the twenty-five-men rule this summer, writes E. A. Batchelor in the

summer, writes E. A. Batchelor in the Detroit Free Press.

George T. Stallings of the Boston Brayes was the first man to drop the hint that such a plan was proposed. George is authority for the statement that his league will pay absolutely no attention to any limit this year, but will permit club owners to hang on to all the men they care to pay.

This is aimed at the Federals, the idea being not to turn any players loose who might be snared by the 'outlaws.' Of course, not many hig leaguers are let go entirely once they sign up, but there are many men who would jump to the Federals rather than accept a minor league assignment, but who would be perfectly content to sit on the bench all summer in select society just as long as their checks arrived every first and fifteenth.

President Navin of the Detroit club has heard nothing official regarding the American league's policy in this respect. He says, however, that he would not be surprised to see the limit disregarded so that players might be kept out of the hands of the Feds.

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"There will be some men taken south by every hig league club whom we would be very glad to let the Federals have," said Mr. Navin. "In fact, judging by some of the recruits who have tried to fool me, we couldn't flud a more effective measure of fighting the 'outlaws' than to wish a few of these fellows on them. At the same aime, it would be foolish to turn any good players loose so that the new league might grab athem. Probably most clubs would be willing to carry a little excess baggage just for the sake of helping in the fight."

It is almost a certainty that the Federal league will have to alter its avowed policy in one respect if it intends to keep on doing business. This is in regard to paying all the money to the minor league owners.

It was announced by the "outlaws" when they first began to make a noise that they would not bny anybody.

"We will give the men the money instead of the owners," said the Feds. "If we want a player, all we will have to do is to offer him a bonus and he will sign with us just as soon as his other contract runs out."

Some Advantages.

In some respects this plan is a good one, as it enables the athletes to reap the harvest instead of the magnates who exploit them. But on the other hand, the very existence of minor league ball depends on selling players. It was announced not long ago by Secretary Farrell of the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues, that at least 75 per cent of the clubs in classes below AA fail to make money under present conditions. Whatever may be said about the tremendous revenue accruing to the major league magnates, it cannot be denied that the majority of minor league clubs are supported by men who are real fans, and who back baseball because they like the game. It is a matter of patriotism with many of these fellows. They want their towns to have baseball like that supported by a neighboring and rival settlement and are willing to go down into their jeans to help out.

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Even as it is, when the majors are turning over something like \$400,000 a year for players, it is a rare thing for the little circuits to make money, and if this source of revenue is taken away, it will be hard to find men sufficiently patriotic to back a ball team in a small town.

The result, if the Federals do not see the light, will be that the little leagues will be almost a thing of the past. With the disappearance of the small circuits, the crep of young ball players will fall off terribly and in time the colleges and sand-lots will be about the only recruiting territory for the majors. This will hurt the Federals just as much as anybody else, assuming that they expect to put on topnotch ball, and will result in a very much slower grade of baseball in the course of a few years than that now being played. Collegians and semi-professional tossers cannot be developed in sufficient numbers to make up even one good major league, let alone three. Lately, it is understood, the Federals have intimated that they may change their minds about giving players all the money and that they will buy from the clubs just as the major leagues do at present. It is to be hoped, for the sake of baseball in general, that they do this.

FIELDER JONES EVER

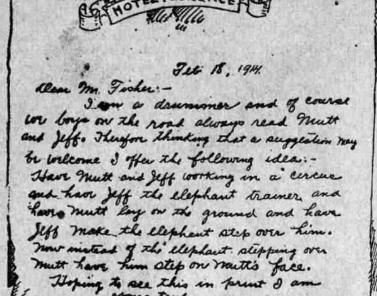
FIELDER JONES EVER POPULAR IN REPORT

Every time some ball club is looking for a manager, just put down a little bet that Fielder Jones's name will be mentioned before the matter is settled. There are very few ball clubs in the major leagues with which this name has not been connected at one time or another and now it seems the Federal has caught the habit. The latest from New York is that Jones has been elected to manage the Brooklyn Federals and that he will tand the job if money can tempthim. Fielder Jones has always been anxious to soak a little coin in a hig league club, but it is not known how he will take to the Federal proposition. Last year he was declared a free agent by Comiskey and he should be a popular card in Brooklyn, where he gained his early fame. It was from the old Brooklyn Nationals Jones jumped to the White Sox during the days of the National-American war.

BONUS SYSTEM PUTS SEATON OUT, SAYS JOE

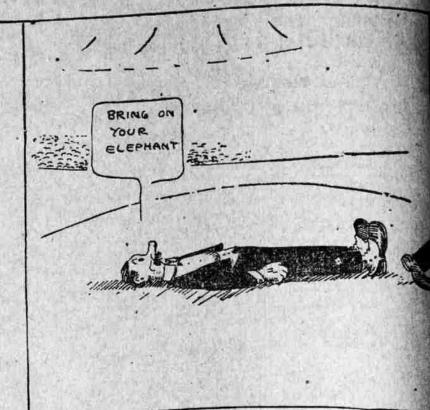
stention by the National league of bonus contract system was partly consible for the Federal league's suctin signing Tom Scaton of the Phila-hila National league team's pitching f, to play with the Brooklyn Federal nue citub, according to Joe Tinker, nager of the Chicago Federals, he Philadelphia contract sent for his nature would make it necessary for to win 60 per cent of his games year and to take partin at least ty-five games in order to earn the ry stipulated, Scaton is said to have Tinker.

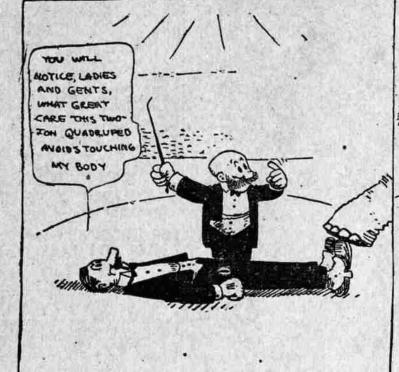
MAJOR CLUBS LIKELY Would You Say This Was a Good Suggestion

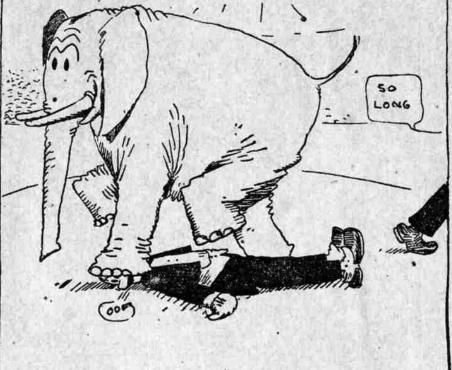


Simon Steinman









SIMON AREN'T YOU ASHAMED YOURSELF. ? YOU CERTAINLY ARE HEARTED FE LLOW LITTLE

BIRDIE' CREE SENT TO BALTIMORE CLUB

Victim of Walter Johnson's Speed No Longer of Major Caliber.

'Birdie' Cree, not so long ago mighty outfielder, who has been with the Yankees since 1908, has been re leased to the Baltimore club of the In- he tried to outternational league. Nobody in the ma jor leagues wanted him. He is reported to have received a large offer from the Federal league, and it is quite pos sible he may yet jump to the outlaws

rather than play with minors.

Jack Dunn, manager of the Orioles, is so anxious to hold Cree that, the story goes, he has offered him a salary of \$4000 to sign.

The little outfielder began to show the effects of long service last season. He was a stocky man even in his prime, and in spite of his best efforts could not prevent the coming of "the base not prevent the coming of "the base runner's burden" about his waist line. In all probability, however, the chief factor in the decline of Cree was neither increasing weight nor age, but Walter Johnson. In 1911 Cree hit for .348 in 137 games, and he was going along at the same rate the next year until one day the speed man from Washington pitched a high fast ball which should have broken down and out, but failed

have broken down and out, but failed to take the curve.

Cree was hit flush on the temple and was unconscious for several hours. He played no more baseball until late in the season, and then sharp-eved "rooters' soon saw that he would never be as effective again in his batting. Whereas in the old days he stepped out to meet the ball, he began to draw away after the fashion of all men who have been bit and can't forget it.

No one ever accused Cree of not being game, and he trifed his best to conquer the failing, but was unable to get back to the old form. Last year he hit 271 in 147 games.

In build Cree is a pocket edition of Tom Sharkey, and when he met the ball fairly the fielders usually found it advisable to take to the fences.

WAJOR YOUNGSTER

DRINK OR TWO ALL RIGHT, SAYS O'DAY

"Hank" O'Day, manager of the Chi-cago Cubs, says he will not put the players under strict restrictions. He said he will not prohibit cigarette smoking.

"A player likes to smoke a cigarette after a game or before." he says. "There is no harm in it. I will object if he tries to smoke several boxes a day. That is poor for the wind, and if a player is not wise enough to know it, he will be told."

"About players drinking" he was asked.
"I do not think there is any great harm in that if they do it moderately. I will not rule against a man taking a glass of beer or two after a game of ball. Of course, if a fellow begins to load up and does not keep in condition, then I will put a ban on the absorption of liquors."

Doesn't Want Cobb.

Setton according to Tinker, said he "I don't want Cobb for any price," was would rather accept a straight Federal the declaration made by Connie Mack in regard to the annual freak yarn of Clarke swn luck and the strength of this year's Griffith that the latter would purchase Philadelphia team.

Blow in the Head Responsible for Cree's Drop to the Minors

"Birdie" Cree, two years ago was one of the greatest fielders and hitters in the big leagues. One day guess Walter Johnson. The ball didn't take the expected curve and caught Cree full in the head. Since then he has been the victim of the fear said to be inevitable with batsman once terribly hurt by a



MAJOR YOUNGSTERS

Propose to Snap Up Rookies Turned Loose in Training Camps.

By Tribune Special Sport Service. NEW YORK, Feb. 28 .- Another thing that has added to the panicky feeling of the organized baseball people is the discovery of the plan of the Federal leaguers to grab off every rookie that the major leaguers intend to turn back to the minors in the course of, or at the end of, the training camp season. In other years, when there was no competition, the organized majors turned back all recruits who did not show major league caliber. But they tied strings on all those who gave promise of a brilliant future with another

the rookies back to their clubs after they had developed.

This spring it's going to be something different. The Federal leaguers, it is said, will have agents stationed in all the towns where the organized major leaguers train, and will sign up at once all the rockies that the organized major leaguers train, and will sign up at once all the rockies that the organized major leaguers intend to general trains to the said that the organized major leaguers. zed major leaguers intend to send

back. The Federal leaguers claim that in so doing they will be perfectly within their rights, and that they will not in any way break their rule which bars them from signing men under contract. When a recruit who has signed a major league contract is turned back to the minors, his major league contract is canceled, and until he signs up a con-tract with the minor league club to which he is sent, he is held only by the eserve clause

reserve clause.

To circumvent the Federals, the only thing the organized majors can do is to the company promising recruit. Most thing the organized majors can do is to keep every promising recruit. Most likely they would do this, even though it increased their pay roll to huge proportions, but the national commission rules provide that no club can carry more than twenty-five players after the middle of May. It seems that the only way the organized persons can foil the Federals is to have that limit lifted immediately. mediately

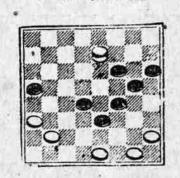
"Watch our lineups in 1915." adtied strings on all those who gave prom-ise of a brilliant future with another "We'll have some new stars that will year or two in the minors, and pulled be developed in 1914."

Checkers



At the commence ment of a game Black men occupy squares numbered 1 men those numbered 21 to 32. Black always moves first.

PROBLEM NO. 27. Contributed by P. J. Lees.



Biack-11, 12, 14.

By Harry Leberman.

Biack-11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 23.

White-21, 25, 28, 31, 32; klog, 7.

Black to play and draw.

A clever setting by the Juvenile Champion.

By*P J Lee.

Biack-10, 20; klog, 25.

White-18, 27, 23.

White to play and draw.

21-26 21-22 20-23 26-13 15-26

Drawa.

GAME S4—EDINBURGH."

Get the shears and the pasts pot ready, this is worth lifting bodily and putting to dream book. It is by that grand old player. Schaefer, from the Newark Call:

9-13 5-14 11-15-6 8-15 12

12-19 24-20 20-11 29-25 22

11-15 7-11 7-16 5-11 29-25 22

11-15 7-11 7-16 5-11 29-25 22

10-14-2 1-7 1-5 11-15 22

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(c) The very plausible 29-25 appears to lose thus:

1 25-25 7-15 25-17 5-2 13-5

1 11-15 76-22 1-6 17-13 2-5

20-11 16-20 25-27 3-13

(d) Or 1-5, 20-25, 11-15, 20-11, T-16, with the same situation.

The following communication, dated Ogden and signed "A Subscriber" has been received by this department:

"If A makes & misplay, thereby giving B a man and B overlooks the jump, can A take B's man from the board for not jumping?"

Much depends upon the construction placed on the word interplay. If the misplay is a violation of Anderson's rules on the game of checkers, A must forfeit the game at once, if misplay means a simple oversight, "B may be compelled to take the jump or forfeit the places as A may direct.

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The fourth annual tourney to decide the checker championable of Utah started Monday affernoon in the rooms of the local club in the Y. M. C. A. Thirteen devotees of Damoh seleconly affixed their signatures to the document which bound them to recentle friends only as foes in the mental struggle. The entry list was larger than expected, but consisted of local talent with the single exception of M. J. Patierson of Unitah. The entry list was larger than expected, but consisted of local talent with the single exception of M. J. Patierson of Unitah. The entry list will be held open until some time this week in order to allow Mr. Plumis to enter, if he so desires, when he returns from New York. The closing date has not yet been fixed as it is the intention to allow a week for each entry, which as it now stands, means a three mouths fourney. The method of scoring was also changed and two points for a win and one point for a draw. As usual, the niar started slowly with the exception that all made special effort to meet Mr. Patterson so he could ceturn home. He completed his ties Wednesday night. The entries and standing to date are given below:

Checker Notes. For the fourth time in titteen years L. Brooking of Funk, Neb., has been returned champion of bis state.

George S. Jennings of Des Moines is to own champion, or rather, the old champ-gain won the title, M'GINNITY'S TACOMA

TEAM IS COMPLETE

"Iron Man" McGinnity, manager of the Tacoma team in the Northwestern league has announced the names of twentyseven players signed for the 1914 season. He says contracts are out for five more men whose names he also announces This statement makes the lineup of the Tacoma team complete. There are al-most a score of new men who will ap-pear in the Tiger uniform when training

pear in the Tiger uniform when training season opens.

The Hst follows:
Catchers—Tom Eillot, Winlock, Wash.;
Jack Kelley, Tacoma: William Harris, Detroit, Mich.: Joe Spaniard, Chilacco, Wash.
Pitchers—Dave Kraft, Henrietta, Mo.: Frank Jacobs, Holdenville, Okia.; W. C. Smith, Culbertson, Mont.: A. L. Girot, San Francisco; Harry Kurfess, Irvington, N. J.
First Basemen—C. E. Bloomer, Wind-

San Francisco; Harry Ruffess, Heliaston, N. J.
First Basemen - C. E. Bloomer, Windson, Mo., F. O. West, Iowa City, Iowa, Second Basemen - J. C. Simpson, Holdenville, Okla.; J. F. Miller, Bloomville, Mo.; Fred Kahmanu, Washington Mo. Shortstons - A. W. Elliott, Hallevville, Okla.; Sam Leaird, Ashland, Okla.; L. B., Coen, Tacoma, Wash, L. B. Pierce, Boise, Idaho; Frank Switzer, Marshall, Mo. Third Basemen - William Yohe, Paulsbo, Wash.; Fred McMullin, Inglewood, Cal.

Cal.
Outfielders—George Kline, Booneville,
Mo.; O. H. Barklage, Washington, Mo.;
F. Wotzel, Owensville, Mo.; Cy Neighbors, Tacoma, Wash.; Ed Fries, Louisville, Ky.; Ten Million, Seattle, Wash.
Contracts not in—Dick Kaufmann, Tacoma, Wash., pitcher, C. F. Keller, Tacoma, Wash., pitcher, C. F. Keller, Tacoma, Second base; Virgil Beiford, Tacoma, pitcher; David S. Williams, Seattle; John Rees, La Belle, Mo.

Cy Rigler, Scout.

Being an official unpure of the Gov-ernor Tener outfit. Cy Rigier is also a baseball acout. The boisterous one, in recommending Eppa Rivey, clongated hurler of the Phillies, had to wait 'steen months before receiving his profit, which totaled \$1500. He has an eye for busi-ness.

Magnate Up Against It. Plagnace up Against It.

The major league magnate is surely between the devil and the deep, blue sea, opined Arthur Devilin, manager of the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast league. "On one side the players are squeezing him for more money, and on the other the Bederals are trying to take away some of his income."

BIG THINGS IN

Three Cities in Prese cuit Are Likely to

Dropped. Feb. CHICAGO, league circuit in 1915 will be and more compact than the

wieldy one with which the F

open the 1914 season. President James A. Gill Federals refuses to say dell what cities will be dropped in which new ones will be tal

which new ones will be taken from one of the men close to and the Federal affairs come that Kansas City, Indianapolis falo will be supplanted by Cleverinari and either New York Washington.

The Federals just now are building stands that will seat in to 25,000. With the exception of go, St. Louis, Brooklyn and Sthe stands being erected are tetemporary structures. As little possible is being put into the ne doubt because it is planned to them next year.

As an Experiment.

"The 1914 season will be so an experimental year for us, more. "For many of us it first year in baseball. But we ling fast; we are learning new day, and already we have learn the horrible mistakes made gamized baseball people.

"The fans are with us. The fans are with us.

"We mean to give the far league baseball, and when they our parks and see the sames they will admit that they are. Some of our enemies have ded our lineups will be composed beens' and 'never-wasers. The laughable.

Have Fast Youngsters.

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"It is true that we have sont on our rosters, but they still or three good years of basebal systems. Long before they are go into the discard many of sters we have will be ranked the brightest stars that ever delamond. We have under cost some young players, hereofor who will prove to be said their first year out.

"Had we cared to sign up to ready under contract to orsain hall, we could have got the at least 150, and among that at least 150, and among that the greatest players in both oleagues. But when we starte announced that we would not player who was under contract have adhered to that rule."

Think Hagerman a Pa Focusing his managerial eye Hagerman. Portland recruit Birmingham of the Naps is dion that he has landed a privorthy, who bagged fourteen his team last year. Hagerman feet two inches. He's a close of Carl Weilman of the Browns.

Stone Is Disgusted

Dwight Stone a short time Browns last season, but release land, where he was sent to Me is disgusted with the prospe-latter club, hence his intented ing President Gilmore's "hopes